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Governor Doyle Announces \$528,000 in Grants to Relocate Crawford County Highway Shop

Governor Jim Doyle announced today that Crawford County will receive more than \$528,000 in federal and state hazard mitigation grants to be used to help reimburse the county for the costs associated with the demolition and relocation of the Crawford County Highway Shop along the Kickapoo River in the Village of Gays Mills.

"I am pleased that the state and federal governments are helping Crawford County with the relocation of the highway shop," Governor Doyle said. "This will ensure that crews will be able to get to their equipment during any future flooding along the Kickapoo River."

In 2000, the Crawford County Highway Shop was damaged during flooding of the Kickapoo River. Floodwaters twice forced county crews to move equipment and materials to other locations which hampered their response to emergencies throughout the county. Since 2000, Crawford County has demolished the old facility and has built a new highway shop in Seneca along Highway 27. The grants will be used for some of the costs associated with the demolition of the old facility, the land purchase and construction of the new shop.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide \$442,127 and the State of Wisconsin and Crawford County will each contribute \$73,687 in matching funds. The federal and state funding is from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which provides money for projects to help reduce or prevent disaster damage.